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Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a March 22 meeting of Haliburton County council.

Councillors passed the 2017 budget, which includes total spending of \$21.6 million, \$15.5 million of it to be levied from taxation. That represents a 6.24 per cent increase over last year's tax levy and will result in a 4.86 per cent rate tax increase. That equates to an increase of \$9.19 per \$100,000 of assessment for residential properties and \$13.63 per \$100,000 of assessment for occupied commercial properties.

As always, the roads department budget is by far the largest departmental budget at approximately \$6.5 million. Health services will cost approximately \$3.2 million and social services approximately \$1.8 million. General government, which includes everything from administrative salaries to IT services to council to building and miscellaneous expenses, totals about \$2.4 million.

About \$830,000 is budgeted for the Haliburton County Public Library, \$400,000 in the tourism department, approximately \$370,000 for the planning department and

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Badminton team warms up

Red Hawks senior badminton player Daniel Murdoch focuses on the shuttlecock while practising on Wednesday, March 22 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Murdoch and the seniors are working towards preparing for the season, starting with the Kawartha pre-qualifier the first week of April. Read more on page 4./DARREN LUM Staff

Culinary exchange identifies room to grow

JENN WATT

Editor

The Haliburton Highlands has plenty of potential, but is still missing out on opportunities to capitalize on the local food movement, stakeholders and coun-

cillors heard last Wednesday at county council chambers in Minden.

Representatives from Prince Edward County, who had been in the Highlands last October as part of a culinary exchange, presented their findings about the area's offerings, knowledge, marketing and attitudes to local food.

They found there is still much to be done.

"It almost feels like Haliburton County has this pull. You're surrounded by these somewhat strong brands that are pulling. You've got Algonquin Park and you've

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Medically assisted dying policy outlined

JENN WATT

Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the March 23 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board.

Medical staff at Haliburton Highlands Health Services will be complying with federal legislation on medically assisted dying, but will not be helping patients with the final step.

A two-part process was outlined by chief of staff Dr. Kristy Gammon, which begins with an assessment of the patient. If the clinician agrees that the patient is a candidate for medical assistance in dying, or MAID, that patient will then be assessed again, by a second clinician.

"Generally, it's going to be the clinician who would be providing medical assistance in death," she said of the second assessor. "If both of those steps are passed there's a 10-day waiting period for reflection."

HHHS staff may perform the first assessment, but the second assessment will not be happening there. Instead, patients may go to Peterborough for this assessment or use the telemedicine suite at the hospital facilities.

Medical staff who are not comfortable playing a role in medically assisted dying are not obligated to, however they must be respectful of patients' wishes and provide a timely referral to someone who will assist.

"The general legislation supports people having it at home and so in our area de facto that's likely going to fall under the auspices of CCAC [Community Care Access Centre]," Gammon said.

CCAC has not yet completed its policy around MAID.

Gammon also pointed out that because HHHS's long-term care units are considered people's homes, assisted dying might be performed at Highland Wood or Hyland Crest, likely involving CCAC staff.

"Though it's under our roof, we're not providing that service," she said.

She wasn't able to give specifics about CCAC services when asked by board members, since their policy had not been completed.

Board member Jeff Gollob asked what would happen if someone was denied by the second assessor. Could they continue to look for a second medical opinion to agree to MAID? Was there a limit to how many doctors were con-

sulted?

Gammon said she didn't have the answer to that; the legislation is so new that many potential challenges have yet to be encountered.

HHHS still in the black

The corporation is still in good financial shape, though a surplus going into 2017 is dwindling.

Board member David Gray presented the finance committee report, which reflected January's numbers. While HHHS had a \$62,000 surplus, they are now much closer to the line.

"The numbers for January, given the pressures from payroll, sick time, utilities, etc., that surplus has shrunk down to \$2,614. Close to breakeven," he said.

Recruitment continues

HHHS continues to look into leads for new emergency department doctors. CEO Carolyn Plummer told the board one new physician was going through the credentialing process and would begin picking up shifts in May in Haliburton.

Recent retirements, departures and leaves have made scheduling doctors difficult. Plummer said there were two additional leads, which were being followed up.

Palliative centre on schedule

Plummer told the board the palliative care centre was on schedule, with construction moving along smoothly. Interior work should be complete by the end of May with the entire building finished in June, she told the board.

A tentative grand opening ceremony is being planned for Friday, May 26 at 11 a.m.

Meanwhile, fundraising for the centre is progressing rapidly. HHHS Foundation executive director Dale Walker told the board they had raised \$1.2 million as of Thursday,

including funds from the Legions in Minden and Haliburton, who dedicated money from the poppy fund. She anticipated having raised the entire \$1.25 million by the end of May.

Compassionate care suites coming soon

Using dollars raised by the Minden and Haliburton hospital auxiliaries, the new compassionate care suites are being created at HHHS's long-term care homes.

The suites "will be used in a number of different ways including providing a space for residents requiring close monitoring by nursing staff during an illness, and a space for residents and/or their families to use when a resident has become palliative and is reaching end of life," Plummers report to the board says.

There will be one suite at Highland Wood and two in Hyland Crest – which has two floors and about double the residents. Work on those should be done this spring.

Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary presented to the board that \$70,000 had been raised this year for the Haliburton hospital, which included money for the compassionate care suite, an iPad for long-term care residents and washrooms in the emergency department. Their next event is the geranium tea on May 7.

Board invites warden to meet

Following comments from Haliburton County Warden Brent Devolin that there needed to be a made-in-Haliburton solution to health care, the HHHS board has responded.

Board chairman Dave Bonham said that they would be happy to meet with Devolin.

Little else was said, however the board's response was an agenda item for the meeting. Bonham said the board members discussed Devolin's comments, which were made during a recent Chamber of Commerce breakfast and reported in the local media, in camera.



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Legion makes moments matter

The Royal Canadian Legion's branch 129 honours and awards officer Bob Heeps, past-president Ed Pickard, youth and education officer Anthony Crofts, second vice-president Chris Briggs, first vice-president Chester Howse, poppy chairperson Bruce Martin and president Paul Sisson (with the legion's public relations officer Dave Allen at back right) presented a \$20,000 cheque to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services executive director Dale Walker, chairperson Don Popple and volunteer Sandre Daoust for the Haliburton Highlands Palliative Centre on Wednesday, March 22 in Haliburton. The money was raised through the lottery and poppy funds. The palliative centre has now fundraised \$1,120,000 of its \$1,250,000 goal. The legion is always looking for volunteers and continue to appreciate the support of the community to enable them to help local causes. HHHS's Richard Wannan was absent for the photo./DARREN LUM Staff



Lending a hand to the YWCA

The Royal Canadian Legion's branch 129 past-president Ed Pickard, poppy chairperson Bruce Martin, left, second vice-president Chris Briggs, youth and education officer Anthony Crofts, president Paul Sisson presents a \$2,000 cheque to YWCA's Daisy Downs, flanked by the Legion's first vice-president Chester Howse, public relations officer Dave Allen and honours and awards officer Bob Heeps. The donation, which was raised from the branch's lottery fund, will help the YWCA to continue to service the county. The YWCA provides an emergency shelter and counselling to women and their children seeking escape from domestic abuse. To learn more about contributing go to their website ywcapeterborough.org or call 705-743-3526./DARREN LUM Staff

County could make improvements to assist the aging, committee says

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

An organization that looks out for the interests of people as they age is making a host of recommendations to local governments.

Aging Well Haliburton County has been working on an age-friendly master plan, which it is in the process of finalizing.

Consultant Kate Hall, who was hired to work on the plan, presented findings and recommendations to Haliburton County councillors during a March 22 meeting.

Hall explained to council the committee gathered input through focus groups with seniors, community luncheons, an online survey and interviews with reps from agencies that provide services to seniors.

"This research also builds on some research the Aging Well committee has been doing since 2008," Hall said, adding the idea was to target groups of people whom the organization has not heard from in the past. "The following three responses came up consistently through all of the research."

The top three suggestions were the development of a public transportation system; a greater mix of housing options for aging in place; and greater availability and access to medical and health services.

"When people are no longer able to drive and become reliant on their own two feet, walkability becomes

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If something is good for an eight-year-old, and good for an 80-year-old, it's good for everyone in between.

— Kate Hall

really important," Hall told councillors.

As for health care, "for the most part, people are happy with the services," Hall said, "it's really the eligibility piece. You don't know the system until you need the system. That can be every complex and confusing for people."

A recommendation was a centralized hub organization that might more easily allow people to navigate the system.

As for housing, "it's really about design, proximity to community and affordability," Hall said, adding it was positive the county's official plan was being updated to encourage the development of more alternate forms of housing, such as granny and garden suites.

While there is a Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing Corporation, and while there is a 10-year housing and homelessness plan, "there's not currently an implementation piece for that in place," Hall said, adding another suggestion was the creation of a housing advisory committee at the county level.

Hall said the local government could also create a strategy to court the developers of retirement homes.

In everything, she said design should always be top of mind, and that accessibility should be thought about in wider terms than just being accommodating to those with disabilities.

"If something is good for an eight-year-old, and good for an 80-year-old, it's good for everyone in between," Hall said.

"You've covered a lot of ground here," said Minden Hills Reeve and County Warden Brent Devolin, adding some of the recommendations did not fit under the purview of the county. "A lot of these responsibilities are beyond the role of county government."

Devolin, who sits on the housing corporation board, said through work on the area's poverty reduction strategy, it has been acknowledged there needs to be some breaking down of the silos in which service agencies sometimes operate.

"Pretty well all of these processes have public input," he said, adding that often, when municipalities hold public meetings on any variety of issue, the turnout is often quite low.

Aging Well Haliburton County is set to begin the implementation of the strategy in April.

Haliburton County GIS map update

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton County planning department is hoping recent updates to its GIS community map will make it more user friendly.

Since the *Echo* published a story "County releases complete digital road maps online," Charley White, director of planning, wrote an email outlining the updates, which include the addition of a folder named Cultural Features under the layers tab.

"This label is scale dependent so as a user zooms in on the map the label remains with the point," she said.

White said the search tool can only be used to find addresses, roads or points in the system.

"A user cannot search for things like 'art' or 'kayak.' Only the features transferred over from our [county] tourism site are identified on the GIS and they are category specific, layer only. Unlike Google or other services it does not include an exhaustive list of all businesses in the county," she said.



Calling trump

Bruce Medcalf, left, Donna Lloyd, Ellen Elliott and Joan McKnight play bid euchre during the weekly offering on Wednesday, March 22 at the Royal Canadian Legion branch 129 in Haliburton. Organized by the Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary, the bid euchre event is held Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$2 and coffee is provided./DARREN LUM Staff

Left, Bruce Medcalf laughs while playing bid euchre

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Highlands needs to market unique products

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got Muskoka. It felt like some of the businesses in the west side of the county were identifying themselves with Muskoka," Anne Munroe, part of the Prince Edward County team, told the room.

Using online travel advisory sites such as TripAdvisor, Yelp and Google Places, the team first researched the Highlands, but found it difficult to get a comprehensive listing of food offerings. They checked the local farmers' market website, but were unable to find many of the addresses for farms – several list only their post office boxes, rather than the farm gate locations.

Munroe was tasked with visiting the east side of the county. She said while in Wilberforce she searched on her cellphone for restaurants close to her and was given Bancroft businesses.

Arriving on a Tuesday in October, she said she tried several locations only to find them closed.

The group noted that visiting in the fall wasn't ideal as it was past peak season and likely several of the restaurants would only be open on the weekends.

However, they also found that there was a lack of local knowledge about where to go to find local food. Eating at several restaurants, the visitors say they were met with blank looks from servers who were asked whether ingredients on the menu were local.

"As soon as you start talking about local food ... you can tell they didn't get that question a lot," Munroe said. "When you talked about local food, they'd say this food is homemade."

There was a focus on homemade food and fresh food, which she said was good, but didn't address the purpose of the exchange, which was to focus on local products.

The exchange is part of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs' First Impressions Community Exchange Program. While in the past they have tailored this program to specific issues such as downtown development or tourism, this is the first time they'd done a culinary exchange, said Heather Candler, agriculture and rural economic development advisor.

Candler said the idea came up when she sat down with local director of tourism Amanda Virtanen a few years ago.

"Prince Edward County seemed like the ideal match," said Candler. The two counties selected teams and developed questionnaires and the format before heading out. This exchange is a pilot of what Candler hopes is a more regular program.

"We're all excited, waiting with bated breath to see what has come of this," she said.

While the Haliburton team has already visited Prince Edward County, it has not yet reported to their council.

Although Abbey Gardens was closed when Munroe visited, she said she knocked on the door and was given a tour anyway. The facility just outside of West Guilford was the highlight of the tour for the group, who noted the unique setup including the on-site brewery, flour mill and food hub.

"That Abbey Gardens facility: there's nothing like that in Prince Edward County," Munroe said. "It just feels like a



Anne Munroe, right, speaks with Sunny Rock Bed and Breakfast owner Sally Moore following a presentation on culinary tourism in Haliburton County on March 22. Munroe is from a team sent to the Highlands from Prince Edward County as part of OMAFRA's First Impressions Exchange Program. This one was geared only to culinary experiences and was a pilot for the government agency. JENN WATT Staff

very progressive place."

Comment was made that Haliburton County isn't a place with much agriculture, which makes providing local food a challenge, but Munroe said it's not about being like other agriculture-rich areas.

"I want to have a taste experience that I can't have at home," she said.

Haliburton should capitalize on being a part of the Canadian Shield that is closest to southern Ontario. That could mean offering forest products such as wild blueberries and cranberries, selling mushrooms foraged from the woods, or developing unique products such as cedar jelly, she suggested.

The group also had issues with navigation. They found very few roadside signs, which made it difficult to drop in on farms or restaurants. Stakeholders at the meeting noted that along provincial highways, there had been difficulty having signage approved by the Ministry of Transportation.

The Prince Edward County group also noted there wasn't much branding around local food or a way to distinguish local food from other food offered. They said they wanted to be able to find out about a year's worth of events in the Highlands in one location rather than just the events coming up in the short-term. For example, on their way to Minden last week, they noticed the upcoming Chew and Chat in June.

"We didn't get any sense of that looking online and coming for a visit in October," she said.

Despite the many challenges presented, the mood of the meeting was optimistic.

A fellow Prince Edward County team member Peta Shelton highlighted the Get On Gelert map, which she had used and enjoyed, calling it her "favourite thing" from her visit.

"I think this is brilliant. It's folksy and informative," she said.

The map was paid for by a group of businesspeople who operate on Gelert Road, which stretches from Haliburton south through Lochlin, Donald and Gelert.

Shelton suggested that more maps be developed for different parts of the county, guiding visitors along the various roadways.

The team was also impressed at the friendliness of local residents and said that while knowledge of local food was

limited, they knew quite a bit about the area generally.

Haliburton County Warden Brent Devolin thanked the group for their presentation and for being candid about their findings.

"We have lots to digest," he said. "The encouraging thing is, I don't think there's anything there we can't make hay on. ... We could spend six figures with consultants to do what in very short order you've given us."

He said he didn't fault grocery stores for not having local produce as the volumes are not reliable in the county.

Shelton said she had also heard from a Haliburton area restaurant that they couldn't use local food because of supply issues.

Terri Mathews-Carl, co-owner of Rhu-barb Restaurant and Boshkung Brewing, said there were challenges with using local food, but that restaurants can source locally if they try.

"We have three farms that we take all of their produce," she said. "You have to be creative ... You have to be out there and ask."

Mathews-Carl noted that her restaurant keeps a supply of local beer – not just from her own brewery, but also from her competition, Haliburton Highlands Brewing. Supporting fellow businesses pays off in the end, she said.

However, that's not always the attitude, said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt.

"If you don't have something, you're offering stuff from Gravenhurst and nearby," she said of Mathews-Carl, "and yet I have been in other restaurants ... that won't carry Boshkung Brewing beer because they see the restaurant side of their business as competition."

Moffatt said greater co-operation amongst businesses would help everyone in the long run.

Local tourism business owner Barrie Martin of Yours Outdoors noted that adventure accommodators had come together to create brochures and that monthly meetings of tourism stakeholders were highly successful.

"Now the food community has to come together in a similar way so we can build the brand," he said.

A full report will be forthcoming from the exchange, which will be circulated to interested parties.

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Salaries to increase 1%

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about \$110,000 for protective services (this includes bylaw and 911 expenses).

Salaries and benefits will increase by one per cent in 2017, with salaries and benefits comprising 41 per cent of total budgeted expenses.

Circulation continues to climb at library

Circulation at the Haliburton County Public Library was 164,729 items strong in 2016, up from 160,495 the year prior, according to an annual report from library staff. About 15,700 of those items were digital ones. More than 7,300 people attended programs and events and more than 16,570 accessed the Internet using public access computers. The library's website had more than 24,000 visits and the library was mentioned in the media 936 times.

"We're really lucky in a small town to have local media, radio and newspapers," said Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts as library CEO Bessie Sullivan presented the report. "We get a lot of publicity locally."

Provincial library funding in Ontario has been largely frozen for a number of years and some libraries throughout Canada are experiencing cuts. While the library's annual report often comes off as a success story, "libraries have to stop saying what they do well, but say what they're missing," Sullivan said. "Yes, we do a good job, but I can tell you we're missing a lot."

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Mofatt mentioned that some cities are begin-

ning to experiment with "staffless" libraries. "There are things you can do where you deliver library services without people," Sullivan said, but added she thought the idea of an unstaffed room where people congregate constituted a major public safety risk.

Plus, she said, the job of staff is to help people find the services they're seeking. "Staffing is a huge part of our budget for a reason," Sullivan said. "It's a service. It's connecting your users to services."

Flag policy

Council adopted a policy governing the flying flags at half-staff outside the county administration building on Newcastle Street in Minden.

In addition to the deaths of members of the royal family, governors general or former governors general, the prime minister or former prime ministers, the premier or former premier, or lieutenant governor or former lieutenant governors, flags shall also be flown at half-staff upon the death of a riding MP or former MP, riding MPP or former MPP, any current or former member of Haliburton County council or any of its lower tier councils or current county employees.

"In the last couple of months, we've had staff members pass away," said chief administrative officer Mike Rutter. "We really felt it was important a policy be developed so we have a standard set of rules."

Warden Brent Devolin said having a policy in place would make situations easier for future staff and councillors, so they're not making subjective decisions on the matter.

Dysart sticks with voting by mail

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Dysart et al voters will cast ballots by mail for the 2018 municipal election.

Councillors for the township decided to stick with the status quo during a March 27 meeting. While they had discussed voting methods for the 2018 election in February, they voted to defer a decision until the March meeting, in order to gather more information.

A staff report estimated the cost for a vote-by-mail election at \$52,780 and an electronic election using telephone and Internet voting at approximately \$42,658.

The report estimated that a combined method election – using Internet, telephone and traditional paper ballot boxes – could cost \$15,000 to \$25,000 more.

"Anybody want to start the conversation?" Reeve Murray Fearrey asked during Monday's meeting, pointing out the staff recommendation was to go with one or the other – either mail-in ballots or an electronic election.

"Why?" asked Councillor Susan Norcross.

"Cost," said Fearrey.

"That's one thing," said Norcross, who said she was leaning toward the combined method. "Is there anything else? I think we have a split community that's going to want one or the other."

The majority of councillors said they preferred to remain with voting by mail.

"I would prefer that we just stay the way it is," said Councillor Walt McKechnie, adding he'd heard from a number of constituents that they like the current system.

"I would put a condition on it," Fearrey said. "If we're going to stay the way it is, I

think we should say right now that we're going to go electronic next time."

"Why would we do that?" Norcross asked. "I'm curious as to why you say that."

"You've got to move forward sometime," said Fearrey. "Right now, is now the time to do it? I don't know. I've heard from a lot of people that there's nothing wrong with the way we're voting right now."

The voting method for the 2022 election will ultimately be decided by the next council.

"I think that we should stay with the paper ballot," said Councillor Dennis Casey, pointing to the community's high senior population and emphasizing that seniors vote in greater numbers than young people.

"I think there needs to be a long period of education for the public [before any adoption of electronic voting]," said Councillor Nancy Wood-Roberts.

By the end of the conversation, Norcross said she too was fine with remaining with voting by mail for next year's election.

Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East townships will also be conducting vote-by-mail elections in 2018, while Minden Hills will use the combined method – Internet, phone and paper ballot – it used in 2014.

A Minden Hills staff report showed that 74 per cent of voters in the 2014 election voted electronically, including a number of residents in their 80s and 90s. The 2018 combined-method election there will cost approximately \$63,000.

During the 2014 elections, Minden Hills had a voter turnout of approximately 45 per cent, while Dysart had 44 per cent.

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Taste of Haliburton

HALIBURTON Highlands is in its infancy as a culinary tourism destination. We have great places to eat and some unique products to offer, but compared to agricultural powerhouses in southern Ontario, wine country and the like, this region is still a seedling.

Last Wednesday, visitors from Prince Edward County involved in a culinary community exchange with the Highlands presented to councillors and stakeholders about their findings gathered while visiting our area in October.

The timing, everyone agreed, was bad. October is not a time to find fresh produce or generous restaurant hours – particularly in the middle of the week, when some of the visitors arrived.

However, keeping that in mind, there were still very good points brought up by Ann Munroe and Peta Shelton, whose presentation offered a balance of constructive criticism and opportunities to build upon.

Many of their ideas could also be applied more broadly to any local businesses seeking further success in the tourism industry. Because while food is what seems to be motivating much of the tourism traffic right now, the Highlands is never going to be producing food at the rate of some sunnier climes. What we can do, Munroe pointed out, is find the products that are unique to this area and put our weight behind them.

Haliburton really is the first Canadian Shield stop for many GTA travellers headed north, she said, why not capitalize on forest products? Make cedar jelly or white

pine tea. Give visitors something to take home that they couldn't find on the vineyards of Niagara or the orchards of Caledon.

While I don't know how much I'd want to butter my toast with cedar juice, it's a good point. People want to have "authentic" experiences – a term that is getting a bit worn out, but means that when they visit a place, they want to know what makes it special. They want to meet the people and do things they couldn't do anywhere else.

Which leads to the next point the PEC group brought up on Wednesday: we need to make clear the culinary experiences we have available. One visitor pointed to the Get On Gelert map, which shows tourists where to go to find cool businesses along the Gelert Road. Why not do this for all of our backroads? Why not literally draw a

map for people to find those special experiences that make a place unique?

At the end of the presentation, Warden Brent Devolin thanked the women for being blunt and offering such tangible feedback. This region can easily put many of their suggestions into practice, he said.

And he's right. The suggestions that came forward didn't involve huge investment or changing course. The PEC delegation was advising we take the forests and lakes and the things that grow here naturally and use them to attract new visitors. Make products with the food that easily grows here, give visitors a chance to interact with the people who run the businesses, and show them how to get here.



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Editorial



Abbey's ponies

by Darren Lum

Paddle season approaching

HAS SPRING SPRUNG? We are truly blessed in Haliburton to have the opportunity to enjoy all four seasons. I think it is fairly safe to say that many people are looking forward to enjoying the warmer sun and getting out of the house. It seems that spring fever is contagious!

The Haliburton County Tourism Stakeholder Group is an energetic and diverse group of tourism related business owners and tourism related service providers. This talented group works co-operatively to bring more tourists to Haliburton County, and to enhance the tourism experience for the many visiting our area.

At our last tourism meeting, Algonquin Outfitters / AO Boatwerks, a member of the Haliburton Village BIA, presented a stakeholder showcase. Chris Varga, AO regional manager and Randy Mitson, AO marketing director, proudly introduced us to the "Year of the Canoe," and the 12th annual Reel Paddling Film Festival that will be held on Friday, June 9th, 2017 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, at 7:30 p.m. The Reel Paddling Film Festival is an international adventure film tour presenting the world's best paddling films of the year – whitewater, sea kayaking, canoeing, SUP, action and lifestyle – in more than 120 cities and towns across Canada, United States and around the world. For tickets and information, please call 705-457-3737 or visit www.algonquinoutfitters.com/event/reel-paddling-film-festival-haliburton/

Listening to Chris and Randy piqued my curiosity about Algonquin Outfitters, the locations they have in the county, and the services

they provide, in addition to their retail location on the corner of Maple and Highland. They have locations in Haliburton, Minden, Oxtongue Lake and seasonal locations at Sir Sam's and on the Gull River, so they are truly serving all of Haliburton County. They offer kayak, canoe, paddleboard and water trampoline rentals, so everyone can get out and enjoy our many lakes, rivers, creeks and waterways. For rental information please drop by one of their locations or please call 705-457-3737 or visit www.algonquinoutfitters.com or www.boatwerks.com.

Perhaps the most surprising information they shared was that the Wild Water Preserve in Minden is one of the top three international spots for white water kayaking. This was the site of the Pan Am kayaking events.

In speaking with Chris, it is very evident that he is passionate about generating traffic into Haliburton Village. He and his team are innovative entrepreneurs who think about, and serve, the entire community.

It's exciting to know that Algonquin Outfitters / AO Boatwerks, is just one of the businesses committed to building tourism in Haliburton Village!

With all this talk of outdoor adventure and activities, I hope that you share my excitement to get out and enjoy the many activities that are available to us in Haliburton Village. There are over 130 businesses that make up the Haliburton Village BIA, so there is something for everyone and for every activity. Now that the weather is warmer, please take a stroll through your downtown, see what's new, meet your friends, and celebrate that spring has sprung!

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points of view

Cheesy jokes

THE OTHER DAY I WALKED into the kitchen and saw a block of cheddar cheese on the cutting board with a knife and a few crumbs artfully arranged beside it.

I stopped cold, looked around and quickly surmised no one was in the immediate area.

So, I yelled a question that I'm normally on the receiving end of.

"OK, who cut the cheese?"

As anyone who has reached my age knows, this is not the type of question you should ask lightly or basically at any social event that requires matching socks.

For, in a best case scenario, you'll get an unexpected guilty smile from Grandpa. In the worst case scenario, however, your dog will look away and then force you to ask the same question two minutes later. Neither option is preferable.

Still, there I was. On the counter was a half-eaten block of cheese, a knife, and a few cracker crumbs. Worse still, having read a few Sherlock Holmes books in my time, I am a sucker for a good mystery.

So it was only natural that when Jenn walked in the room,

I asked the salient question that would quickly solve the mystery, "Have you seen my magnifying glass and deerstalker cap?"

"No," she replied, "Were you just snacking on cheese?"

"Negatory," I said. "You?"

She replied similarly.

"Who could it be then?" I asked. "Who could have done this? And, just so you know, I have not ruled out mice."

"Well, rule them out. Carmen is the only other person who lives here and I just saw her carrying a plate with cheese and crackers upstairs to her room," Jenn replied.

"Too obvious," I suggested.

"I think you mean conclusive," she said.

She was right; I have trouble with big words.

You'd think I would have been happy since I had just solved perhaps the most complex brain teaser I had encountered all week. But, alas, I was not.

You see, there is not a father alive who wants to admit that his daughter is capable of cutting the cheese in such a slapdash way.

Most fathers, and I count myself among them, would have preferred not to be faced with this situation at all. For suddenly, I found myself in one of those awkward positions in which I would eventually be forced to confront my daughter with the delicate and somewhat embarrassing question, "Did you cut the cheese in the kitchen this afternoon? Because if you did, you left us with quite a mess to clean up!"

To which she would later reply, "Why did you have to ask that when I had friends over?"

The answer is not a simple one.

I suspect it has something to do with the fact that, deep down, she is far more mature than I am – and has been since first grade. It doesn't matter that I am well into middle age and might even be considered old for certain species of trees, deep down I am essentially unable to resist asking that question whenever the opportunity is presented.

It is such a great question, after all, and one that, presumably, first went viral after having been initially asked at a Limburger factory in Belgium sometime during the middle-ages.

I suspect the foreman walked into the cheese ripening room and smelled something horrible and then, for perhaps the first time ever, mistook the aroma of flatulence for the smell of freshly cut cheese. And just like that, another enduring joke was born.

Regardless of how it happened, an immature person like me is now physically incapable of separating the act of cutting cheese with thoughts of flatulence – mostly because to the mentally immature and I count myself among them – fart jokes are the height of intellectual humour.

I was saying this to Jenn right afterward and Jenn responded, "I think you mean to say dumb humour."

She was right again. As I said, I have trouble with big words.



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

This photo of Bob Gregory, Stew Roberts, Tom Preston and Moss Davies and it was taken in 1917 and loaned to the Haliburton Highlands Museum by Steve Roberts. Do you have a pic of the past you'd like to share? Bring it in to the *Echo* office at 146 Highland Street, Haliburton.

letters to the editor

Stop subsidizing fossil fuels

To the Editor,

Today's budget took important steps towards clean energy. Yet reducing the federal subsidies to the fossil fuel industry is not enough to fight climate change. We can accomplish our emission targets set to hold global temperature rise to the two-degree celsius maximum if green energy is encouraged, financed and supported by our federal government. Subsidies to the fossil fuel industry indicates that the Liberal govern-

ment is not serious about meeting these targets. The government needs to focus more on promoting renewable power. Green energy has provided much needed jobs in Canada and could provide more. We already have the technological base and intellect to build infrastructures that are needed. All that is needed now is the will of the Liberal government in Ottawa.

Irene Vaughan
Eagle Lake

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Getting to the meat of the matter

Author of *The Ecological Hoofprint* to speak at Environment Haliburton AGM on April 1

JENN WATT

Editor

Our culture's increasing reliance on meat and other animal products contributes heavily to climate change, human disease and social inequality. Consumption of meat has increased rapidly around the globe in recent decades with the rise of industrial livestock production, creating a system that is not only unsustainable, but unhealthy, argues Tony Weis.

Weis is the author of *The Ecological Hoofprint: The Global Burden of Industrial Livestock* and *The Global Food Economy* and is associate professor in the department of geography at the University of Western Ontario. He will be the keynote speaker at Environment Haliburton's annual general meeting on April 1.

Weis's work examines how the rapid increase in meat consumption is affecting the planet and the animals our culture relies on – and his findings aren't positive.

"The average person on earth today consumes 43 kilograms of meat per year, nearly twice as much meat as did the average person only two generations earlier, over a period when the human population leapt from roughly three billion people to over seven billion people. The average Canadian consumes vastly more meat – over 100 kilograms a year – than the world average," Weis wrote in an email to the paper.

"If the current trajectory holds, there will be more than nine billion people by 2050 consuming an average of more than 50 kilograms per year of meat: so, way more than a doubling of per capita consumption, amidst a trebling of human population, both in less than a century. I make a case that challenging this trajectory is fundamental to any

hopes of re-building more sustainable, equitable, and humane agro-food systems."

Weis calls our culture's diet change "the meatification of diets," marking a jarring shift from humans' early relationship with farm animals.

The way animals are consumed in Western culture is actually an inefficient way to convert crops into calories, Weis says. Crops that could feed humans go to feeding animals, that end up producing an unhealthy product for the wealthiest populations to eat – all while contributing heavily to global warming.

Weis credits Frances Moore Lappé with providing a useful explanation for the way the system now functions: "whereas livestock had once been 'protein factories' in the sense of producing protein in ways that didn't compete with crops, concentrated livestock [that] fed on grains and oilseeds were like 'reverse protein factories' in the sense that they effectively destroy a large share of the protein and other nutrition contained in these crops, while generating great volumes of unhealthy animal fat – along with huge volumes of unusable and highly polluting biowastes."

Large tracts of land are now dedicated to growing crops to feed animals.

"Over the past half century or so there has been an explosive growth of industrial oilseed production, especially soy on a world scale, but also canola," he said.

"From 1961 to 2010, the total land area planted in soybeans more than quadrupled, accompanied by tremendous yield gains and tremendous input usage – water, fertilizers, pesticides. The vast majority of the world's soybeans is not going into tofu, but is flowing into systems of industrial livestock. The U.S. is at the forefront of this dynamic, but the course was followed more recently in a vast region in the southern cone of

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The average Canadian consumes vastly more meat – over 100 kilograms a year – than the world average

— Tony Weis

South America that has been dubbed the 'Republic of Soy' – which is now flowing heavily across the Pacific to feed China's pigs."

Weis's book also addresses issues of animal welfare. He said that he doesn't study attitudes toward ethics in farming or treatment of farm animals, but that in recent history we have distanced ourselves from the animals we consume, which makes it easier to ignore their treatment.

"For the vast majority of agrarian history, people had a very good sense of how the animals whose products they consumed lived and died, and today I think very few Canadians have much sense of the conditions of production and slaughter that most farm animals face," Weis said.

All of this leads Weis to advocate for a plant-based diet.

"There is very strong consensus in nutrition sciences that soaring levels of meat and other animal consumption is making human health much worse not better on a world scale, as it is widely recognized as a major contributing factor in rising levels of obesity and many non-communicable diseases such as cardiovascular disease, Type-2 diabetes, hypertension, fatty liver disease, and some cancers – epidemiological patterns often tellingly described as 'diseases of affluence' – as indicated in the seminal



Global Burden of Disease study, a massive survey of correlation between diet and nutrition with epidemiological patterns," he said.

And despite a well supported, complex food system centred on animal products, Weis thinks there is room for change.

"There are many hopeful 'seams' emerging, in terms of sustainable forms of production and networks that connect them to ecologically and health conscious consumers, and one of the great challenges is finding ways to widen and connect these seams."

Weis will be speaking Saturday, April 1, prior to the Environment Haliburton annual general meeting. His talk, *Your Diet, the Industrial Meat Industry and the Climate Crisis*, begins at 1 p.m. at the West Guilford Community Centre (1061 Kennis Lake Rd., West Guilford). For more information, get in touch with Terry Moore at 705-306-9254 or tmoore7031@gmail.com. All are welcome. Admission is free.

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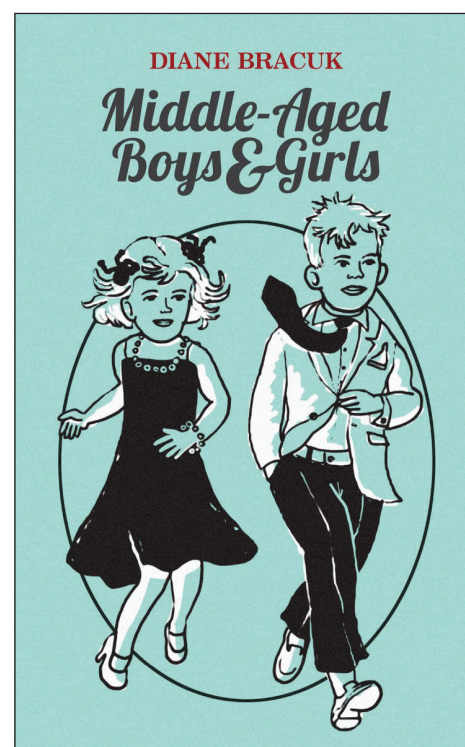


Book of the Month

Middle-Aged Boys & Girls
by Diane Bracuk

With 50 being the new 40, and 40 the new 30, the ever shifting line of middle-age may make you wonder just when in your life you really do grow up. In *Middle-Aged Boys & Girls* by Diane Bracuk, characters deal with losses of confidence, looks, social status, job security and health. They are adults, but find themselves suddenly dealing with all the same feelings that they thought they left behind in their teenage years. *Middle-Aged Boys & Girls* explores the questions what does it really mean to grow up? And do we ever?

Middle-Aged Boys & Girls by Diane Bracuk is one of 2017's Evergreen Award selections, part of the Ontario Library Association's Forest of Reading. Read one or more books through the year and vote for your favourite in September. *Middle-Aged Boys & Girls* is available to reserve at the Haliburton County Public Library.



New entranceway for A.J. LaRue Arena

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a March 27 meeting of Dysart et al council.

The main entranceway at the A.J. LaRue Arena will be outfitted with a timber frame structure through a joint project of the Haliburton Rotary Club and Haliburton School of Art and Design.

The structure will have an aesthetic consistent with other timber frame projects conducted by the Rotary Club and the school, including the pavilion at the

Haliburton public docks, the bandshell in Head Lake Park and the gate at Glebe Park.

"Our club will cover costs from the ground up," said Rotarian Steve Roberts as he made a presentation to council.

The structure will measure about 10 feet by 16 feet and have a peaked, steel roof that will sit just under the second storey window of the arena.

The township will be responsible for some preparatory work, including the breaking of some concrete and digging of post holes.

"The wheelchair ramp that is in place will not be changed," Roberts said. He said most of the installation of the structure could be done within one day, with the steel roof added afterward.

Council passes budget

Councillors passed the 2017 budget, which includes \$15.4 million in total expenditures and a 5.87 per cent increase over last year's tax levy. That equates to \$261.89 per \$100,000 of assessment, an increase of \$23.71 from 2016, for residential property taxes.

The commercial rate will be \$388.31 per \$100,000 assessment, an increase of \$21.54 from last year, while the industrial rate will total \$449.95 per \$100,000, an increase of \$24.95.

Both unionized and non-unionized staff members will receive a 1.75 per cent cost-of-living increase for 2017.

At the upper-tier level, county council has passed its 2017 budget, which includes 6.24 per cent increase over last year's tax levy for a tax rate increase of 4.86 per cent. That equates to an increase of \$9.19 per \$100,000 of assessment for residential properties and \$13.63 per \$100,000 of assessment for occupied commercial properties.

Council cost \$117K for 2016

Dysart et al council cost just more than \$117,000 to operate in 2016.

Councillors accepted a remuneration report that shows Reeve Murray Fearrey was paid approximately \$25,800 for the year, with no mileage or other expenses.

Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts was paid just more than \$17,000, with no mileage or other expenses.

Councillor Tammy Donaldson received \$14,590 in per diem payments and charged \$1,230 in mileage for a total of about \$15,820.

Councillor Susan Norcross was paid \$14,590, charged about \$615 in mileage and had other expenses of \$180 for a total of less than \$15,400.

Councillor Walt McKechnie was paid \$14,590 and charged approximately \$440 in mileage for a total of just over \$15,000.

Councillor Nancy Wood-Roberts was paid \$14,590 and charged no additional expenses.

Former councillor Derek Knowles, who resigned from council last October as he prepared to move from the community, received \$12,150 in per diem payments and his Ward 2 replacement, Councillor Dennis Casey, was paid \$1,215 for the remainder of 2016.

Marina addition

Council waived a requirement for site plan approval, permitting RPM marina to construct a two-storey, 135-foot-by-80-foot addition to its boat storage facility on its property along County Road 21. The marina must survey and stake property lines along an abutting property before proceeding with the project.

New CBO

Council passed motions to officially hire Karl Korpela as the new chief building official for the municipality, effective April 10. Korpela will replace retiring CBO Dan Sayers.



From left, Bruce Caves, Scott Russell, Gord Kidd and Ian Pay kept toes tapping through dinner during the Lions Club hoedown on March 25.

Lions Club dinner funds cataract surgeries at PRHC

JENN WATT

Editor

A trail of straw led into the Haliburton Legion Saturday evening, through the lobby and up to the stage where bales had been placed alongside wagon wheels and cowboy boots for the third annual Lions Club hoedown.

All that was missing were the lassos as hungry cowboys saddled up to the tables for beef on a bun as Gord Kidd and Friends crooned country tunes from the front of the room.

Lions Club members from other clubs joined in with Haliburton area residents for the meal, music and silent auction raising funds for specialized cataract surgery equipment for the Peterborough Regional Health Centre.

One of the ongoing campaigns of Lions Clubs around the world is improving sight, which made this campaign particularly fitting. Forty-four Lions Clubs fall within the catchment of the Peterborough health centre, said Larry Franks, chairman of the Lions Centennial Committee with the Fowler's Corners Lions Club. Franks has been spearheading the campaign to get a new machine for Peterborough, which requires \$175,000 by January 2018.

PRHC performs about 3,000 cataract sur-

geries a year, but their equipment is outdated and must be replaced within one year.

The Haliburton Lions Club has joined in with Fowler's Corners and several other clubs to do this fundraiser.

"Our club pledged \$3,000," said David Mills, Lions district governor and Haliburton resident. "Everything made here [at the hoedown] goes to that."



Susan and Barry Tate of Fenelon Falls attended the Haliburton Lions hoedown on Saturday, March 25 at the Haliburton Legion. Susan is the immediate past district governor. The current district governor is Haliburton's David Mills. JENN WATT Staff

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Ask 'why not' Doherty tells U-Links audience

JENN WATT

Editor

For several decades, Peterborough has been transforming from a blue collar town to a creative city, its industry moving from factories to the public sector. It was once a place known as being the average Canadian town, used in focus groups and surveying, but is now striving to be well above average.

Part of the transformation has come from community advocates, pushing to create stronger, greener and more supportive institutions for residents, said Ken Doherty, the guest speaker at U-Links' Celebration of Research at Fleming College in Haliburton on the weekend.

Doherty is part of Sustainable Peterborough, a committee of Peterborough Economic Development, a group that has led the way in changing the culture of the region alongside other community groups. He is also director of the City of Peterborough's community services department.

During his speech, Doherty detailed many of the campaigns undertaken by Sustainable Peterborough, which offered lessons on how to get more groups on board to accomplish goals that better a community. In the case of Peterborough County, programs were introduced to reduce carbon emissions, better children's health and improve infrastructure for an aging population.

Over a 10-year period, they were able to bring in \$3 million in grants to enact several of their programs.



Julie Davis, vice president of external relations and advancement at Trent University, attended U-Links' Celebration of Research at Haliburton School of Art and Design on March 25. The day included a keynote speaker and time for visitors to pop by student booths to talk about research being done locally. JENN WATT Staff

Each year, Sustainable Peterborough puts out a report card on progress being made on such items as waste, water, transportation, natural assets and economic development. The simple, visually pleasing eight-page document gives the community a sense of where they're going and what has been done so far. Doherty also pointed out that it allows groups and municipalities to look at each other's ideas and launch similar programs in their own locales. A bit of healthy competition doesn't hurt either. He offered advice to those in Haliburton looking to make progress with their own initiatives: hire co-ordinators, move from creating projects to creating programs (long-term rather than short-term), bring partners on board to create a shared vision, and go out into the community rather than expecting people to come to you.

Ultimately, he said, when it comes to new ideas, it's a matter of asking "why not" rather than "why."

After Doherty's talk, attendees were free to walk around the room, checking out the posters set up by students and



Visitors took in a poster from studies conducted by Trent University students through U-Links during the Celebration of Research at Haliburton School of Art and Design on March 25. JENN WATT Staff

their host organizations about research being done locally through U-Links Centre for Community Based Research.

Research topics ranged from expanding trails at Abbey Gardens to work on community energy planning in Minden Hills.

U-Links was founded in 1999 and is part of the Haliburton County Community Co-operative.

Get out on the Rail Trail with Sunday Rambles

JENN WATT

Editor

The Sunday Rail Trail Ramble series is back this year. Organized by Friends of the Rail Trail, or FoRT, these excursions are an opportunity to see the Haliburton countryside, chat with other participants and enjoy a lunch. The walks are geared to all ages and are easy to do. Each one tackles a piece of the corridor, which stretches from Haliburton to Kinmount.

The first ramble this year is on April 2. Meet in the parking lot at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton for a talk about railway days in Haliburton. Afterwards there will be a gathering at Baked and Battered.

April 9 is the next walk, this time meeting in Gelert on Cemetery Road to walk south on the trail. The group will then gather at Wintergreen Pancake Barn for some lunch.

April 16 will be exploring the Ritchie Falls wetlands. Meet at the Lochlin Community Centre. Afterwards, an indoor picnic lunch will be held with coffee, tea and an Easter dessert potluck table.

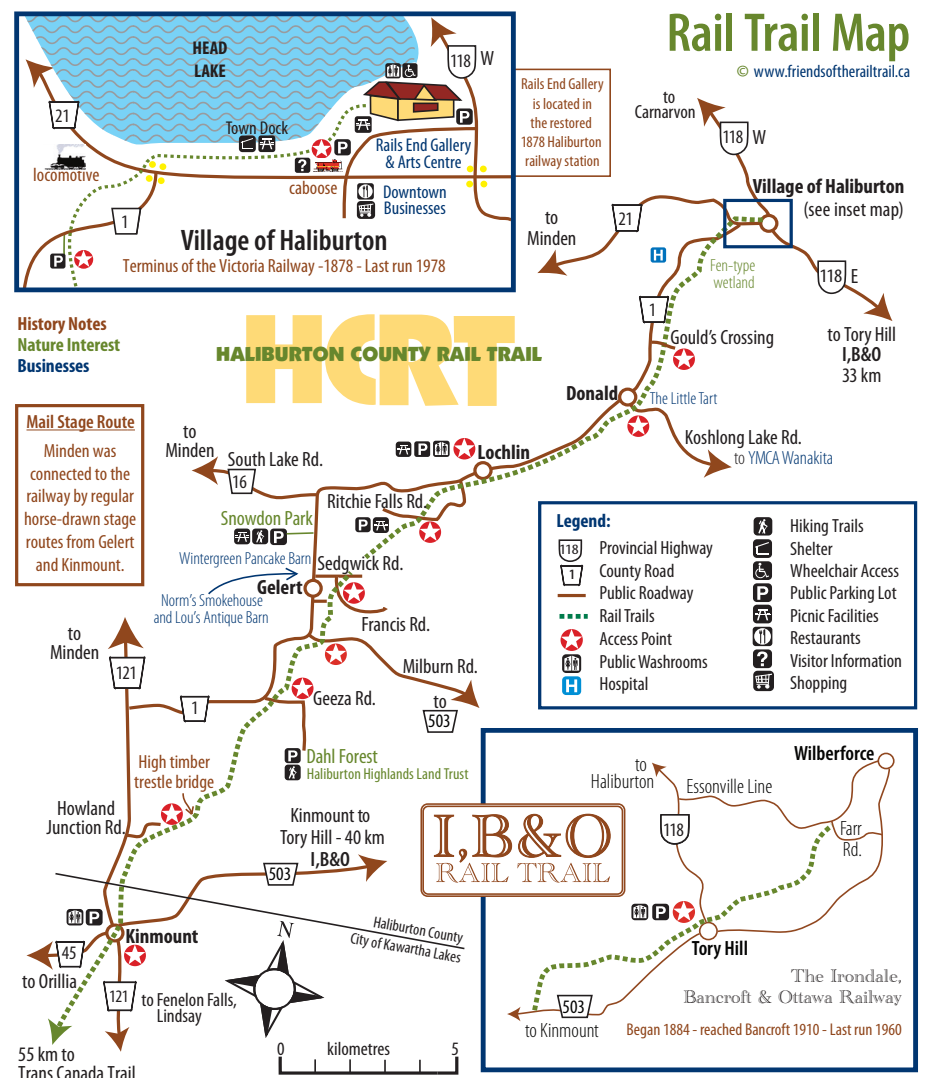
All walks start at 11 a.m. sharp and most wrap up by 12:30 p.m. and are followed by a social après lunch.

"It's like a cocktail party on the move. Rambles are very social. The flat wide trail allows for a great flow of people and conversation while enjoying fresh air and scenery," said Pamela Marsales, co-founder of Friends of the Rail Trail.

The first one or two walks will likely be wintry and/or wet, so be sure to wear good boots. Rambles run rain or shine. Find out more at friendsoftherailtrail.ca or find them on Facebook. Marsales can be contacted at 705-457-4767. Rambles are free to participate in, but you must purchase your own lunch if you choose to stay for that portion of the get-together.



2013 Sunday Ramblers Cheryl Bathe, Maija Stone, Gerda Neubacher and George Farrell, enjoy the April sunshine on the Haliburton County Rail Trail. Photo by Pamela Marsales



Disclaimer: This is not an official map of the HCRT. Friends of the Rail Trail offers it as a general illustration of the two rail trails in Haliburton County. Star icons show points of access to the rail trail from County roads. Note that there are no official parking lots at most of these; please respect private driveways and public safety when parking.

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This pair was ready for spring with their lifejackets and scuba gear ready to go at Sir Sam's Ski/Ride Spring Splash event.



Costumes always make Spring Splash a fun-filled event and this year was no different. From a giant slurpee to a family of superheroes, the Eagle Lake ski destination was an entertaining sight on Saturday, March 25.



Spectators lined the balcony at Sir Sam's to watch the obstacle course during Spring Splash.



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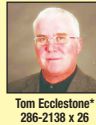
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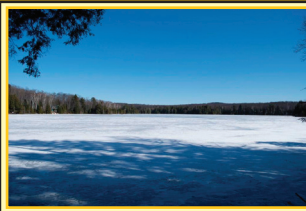
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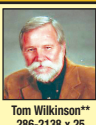
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Senior Hawks boast full team

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

As the snow melts outside under the spring sun, the Red Hawks senior badminton players are busy preparing for the season in the gym of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

This year's senior squad boasts a complete team of 16 players, eight girls and eight boys.

Some players are working towards returning to the OFSAA (Ontario Federation School Athletic Association) championships while others are interested in playing their best.

Coach Bob Schmidt loves how everybody on the team has experience, as some have at least two years' experience and a few with four years.

Very few of the players have been set to a particular pairing or committed to singles at this time.

However Schmidt did say his son and Grade 11 student Ben Schmidt, who was an OFSAA finalist last year with boys doubles partner Jaydon Wood, has potential for success in competing in singles.

Another OFSAA potential, he said, is the mixed doubles team of fourth year duo of Dylan Smith and Hannah Klose.

The girls doubles team of Jamie Little and Kenndal Marsden will be looking to return to OFSAA (as they did two years ago) after missing out last year

with a COSSA fifth. Factoring heavily in the results was an ankle injury. The pair was hampered at COSSA when Little rolled her ankle in the second match of the tournament. Despite the injury the pair soldiered on and their result helped to secure the COSSA team title. Schmidt said the girls doubles team is likely to make it to COSSA and has potential to return to OFSAA.

"We'll see how they do," he said. "It's fine tuning shots [right now]. That's the big thing."

The team has a chance to win a third consecutive COSSA team title this season.

Schmidt isn't focused on that, as much as he is on just preparing his players to be ready to go as far as they can, which for some will be the all-provincials.

My focus is "to help them to get there. Some are long shots. Some are maybes. I work with their potential," he said. "Team titles are nice, but I don't focus on that."

With pre-qualifying, qualifying, a Kawartha championship, and the COSSA championship to work for to get to the all-provincials from May 4 to 6 in Pain Court, located within the Chatham-Kent area, there are enough things for the coach and players to work towards that a third consecutive team title would merely be a residual benefit.

The pre-qualifying for qualifying event for seniors is April 4 with the juniors vying for spot to advance on April 6.



Above, Red Hawks senior badminton player Dylan Smith works on his shot during practice on Wednesday, March 22 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Smith and the seniors are working towards preparing for the season, starting with the Kawartha pre-qualifier the first week of April./DARREN LUM Staff



Right, Red Hawks senior badminton player Ben Schmidt on Wednesday, March 22 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

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DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Izac Reid, a senior Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student, is sitting just outside the top-10 in the Pro Lite Stock class of the CSRA (Canadian Snowcross Racing Association) Snowcross Series this year.

After five of the eight events for the CSRA national race schedule, Reid is in 11th place and is 121 points from 10th in his first year of Pro Lite, as of March 23.

Last year, Reid finished with the national title in the Sport 600 class, one under Pro Lite.

He said sickness and injuries have ham-

pered him in acquiring points in the 16 race schedule with eight stops.

"I have missed a few finals due to sickness and injuries so sitting just outside of the top 10 is where I knew I would be sitting," he wrote in a text. "I have had some good finishes getting into the top three in my [heats] and top five in my finals."

In the upcoming events, he said, he wants to "try and ride smooth and stay consistent and finish all the races."

Reid will be looking to gain points with the Mystik Lubricants National Championships at the Horseshoe Valley Resort in Barrie. The season is scheduled to finish with the Dayco National Snowcross Finals from April 1 to 2 at the Horseshoe Valley Resort in Barrie.

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Minden council will meet with core merchants

Anson, Hindon and Minden council appears ready to take the initiative in organizing Minden's downtown business community. Council has called a meeting for Thursday, and has invited downtown merchants and other area business people to attend.

Topics on the agenda include promotion of the Minden area, municipal improvements, mall development, parking, a business improvement area (BIA) and property standards.

Clerk Elinor Burke said Tuesday that the meeting had been planned for "some time" but that news of Red and White's plans to renovate

the existing Peterborough Lumber outlet to turn it into a grocery store prompted council to call it for this week.

If council can aid in getting the business people in the community to work together toward common development goals, it will cap some three years of efforts to get a business association off the ground.

Gerry Pillsworth, chairman of the businessmen's association, said interest in the group appeared strong initially, but that more recently involvement has waned. A representative of the Ministry of Housing attended an association meeting more than a year ago to outline the steps involved in getting a business improvement area program underway, but no commitments were made.

Under the BIA program, council can pass a by-law to levy additional taxes from businesses in the community, and can get low interest loans for downtown improvements. Two thirds of the affected business people must agree to the program before it can be brought into force. Once agreed on, participation is mandatory for all business people.

According to Pillsworth, many business people in the community have expressed concern about the proposed Red and White development and about its possible effects on the village core. While the development has been approved, and will take place, Thursday's meeting is expected to be an initial step toward developing a strategy to minimize its impact for downtown merchants.

Pioneer Museum official opening slated for June

Haliburton's new Pioneer Museum will officially open on the last weekend in June.

Museum committee spokesman Allan Bagg said Monday that the committee hopes Ontario's Lieutenant Governor, Pauline McGibbon, will be on hand to preside at the ceremonies.

The Museum, which was completed last year, has been closed for the winter season, and before it reopens, permanent displays of artifacts will be set up using display cases built by local artisan Derek Smith.

The Reid House, which formerly housed the museum, was moved to a site

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David Turney has been giving art instructions to the children of Victoria Street School in Haliburton for the past two weeks. Here he is seen instructing members

of Mrs. Hughes' Grade One class. The program is jointly sponsored by the Ontario Arts Council and the Haliburton County Board of Education.

Attendance down slightly at area schools

No influenza outbreak: MOH

Although it seems everyone knows someone who's been ill with a "bug" recently, there is no serious outbreak of influenza in the area, according to the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. D. E. Mikel.

In an interview Monday, the MOH for Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District said influenza has been "sporadic" this winter, noticeably affecting attendance

figures at some schools and seemingly by-passing others.

Mikel said his figures indicated Haliburton County "hasn't really had a bad time," adding that "the flu is now on the wane."

"I don't think we have much to worry about, and there haven't been any particularly virulent strains this winter."

The most common strain this season has been a variant

of the old Hong Kong variety, Mikel said. Like the "Singapore" flu, it is a "B" strain, less dangerous than "A" strain influenza viruses which in the past have been linked to severe illness and even death for people already suffering from health problems. The

Singapore "B" virus "has not shown up in any of the throat washings we've done," he said.

Mikel said the usual number of children away from school at any one time is "around nine or ten percent."

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Wilberforce hockey gets shot in the arm

Wilberforce Minor Hockey will be getting a shot in the arm after over \$500 was raised at its first annual snowmobile rally last Saturday afternoon.

Thirty-five snowmobilers started the rally from the community centre in Harcourt. It was a 35-mile cross country trail that ended back in Harcourt.

Minor hockey vice president, Chu Irvine of Harcourt, said the money raised will be used to purchase trophies and other equipment for minor hockey. "We thought the turnout was very good," Betty Irvine said Sunday, "although the exact amount which was raised isn't figured out yet, it stands around the \$500 mark."

at it, that we decided to give two first prizes," Betty Irvine said.

First prize was \$10 cash and a hockey medal. Helping out by volunteering their time to man the Paudash trails were members of the Paudash Trail Blazers.

To round out the day, the hockey mothers cooked a spaghetti dinner for all the riders and a dance with all proceeds going to minor hockey was held later in the evening.

Mrs. Irvine said now that the group has the rally established it will hopefully be more successful next year.



A large number of riders turned out for the first annual Harcourt snowmobile rally in aid of Wilberforce Minor Hockey. Organizers are hoping the event will become

a good source of revenue for minor hockey in succeeding years.

Huskies knocked out in series with Bancroft

The Haliburton Huskies' season came to an end at the Dysart arena Saturday night as they lost to Bancroft in overtime and dropped their

playoff series four games to three. Haliburton was ahead 2-1 in the series at the close of their March 1 home game,

and travelled to Bancroft for game four of the series last Tuesday.

Bancroft got off the mark first, racking up a score at the

3:20 mark of the first period. Three more unanswered goals, at 17:26, 13:05 and 11:35 of the second gave Bancroft a four goal advantage before Haliburton could muster an attack at 10:53, when Mike Rae scored from Andy Salvatori and Mike Scheffee.

Bancroft's lead was cut to two early in the third when, at the 18:20 mark, Salvatori connected from Chris Hodgson and Rae. But the Huskies couldn't muster much of an attack, and Bancroft scored once more, at the 4:28 mark, to even the series at two games each.

The Huskies were back at home for game five, and as has happened so many times this season, the home ice advantage proved significant for them.

The Huskies scored four in the first period, Salvatori from Rae at 3:10, Hodgson unassisted at 7:39, Dave Brown from Joe Roberts at 9:46, and Dwight Sisson from Larry Stinson and Hodgson at 15:44. Bancroft was unable to answer in the first frame.

In the second, the Huskies stretched their lead to five at the 12:35 mark as Ed Roberts tallied one from Hodgson and Brian Lloyd. Bancroft was still unable to click.

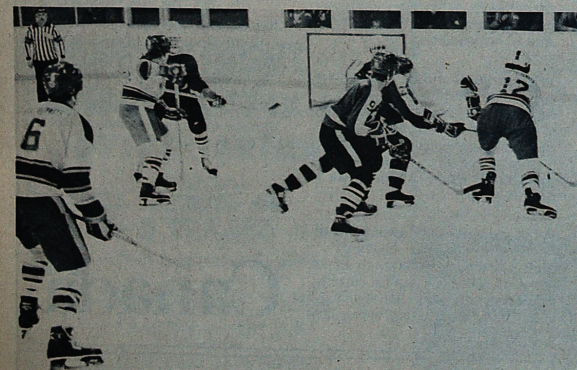
In the third, the Huskies went out in front 6-0 at 4:36 off the stick of Hodgson. He was assisted by Sisson and Roberts.

At 8:10, with Les Booth off on a holding call, the Jets managed to put their only goal of the game past goaltender Craig Wood. Haliburton notched up two more before the period was over however, off the sticks of Sisson at 9:53, assisted by Hodgson and Rae on a power play at 14:34 assisted by Kevin O'Hara and Mike Iles.

Coupled with their strong play in game five, the 3-2 advantage the Huskies enjoyed made them look like a sure bet to topple the Jets. But it wasn't to be.

Friday, it was back to Bancroft for game six of the series and once again, the away game jinx that plagued the Huskies for much of the

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Huskies in their last game of the season

'Don't close school' Dorset parents tell Board of Education

Dorset area parents have joined forces to give the Haliburton County Board of Education a message: keep the Dorset public school open.

A meeting last Tuesday called by the board to discuss the future of the school, more than 100 parents turned up to tell board representatives what they thought of the possibility of closing the school.

A petition bearing more than 320 signatures was presented to board chairman Leonard Salvatori, trustees Marilyn Mace and Ralph Young, director of education J. D. Hodgson, and business administrator Jim Leworthy.

The petition called for the school to remain open, despite the pressure of declining enrolment and increasing education costs.

Although the parents were clearly determined the board should keep the school open, the message was put across in an orderly and rational way, with only an occasional angry outburst from a few of the ratepayers who turned up at the Dorset Community Centre.

Notice that the school was being considered for closure came last month, after the

matter was studied by a special projects committee made up of board members.

Enrolment at the school has fallen in recent years from a high of 101 to the present 54 students. Three teachers are employed at the school this year.

Director of Education, J. D. Hodgson told the meeting that forecasts for enrolment at the school, based on government census figures, "are bleak". They show that registration will probably fall to 47 next year, although the long term trend may be toward a more stable enrolment.

Hodgson told the meeting the board recognized there was disadvantages to closing the school, including increased bussing distances and a loss of revenue to the community if teaching jobs were lost. But he stressed that there were also potential advantages, most important of which were increased educational opportunities for local students.

If the board opts to close the school, students will be bussed to Irwin Memorial School in Dwight, 11 miles from Dorset, under an arrangement already negotiated by board representatives.

Because the Dwight school has some 200 students, it can offer programs not available in Dorset, Hodgson said.

High on the list of board concerns is special education, which will become mandatory for all boards under pending provincial legislation. Hodgson said an average of 12 percent of all students need special education, which means some six or seven children now attending the Dorset school could benefit from a special education program. He said, however, that with an enrolment of 54 students, the Haliburton board could not offer special education to those students at the Dorset school.

He also cited the difficulty a teacher faces in teaching three grades at the same time, and the impossibility of offering a balanced program under those circumstances.

Another factor Hodgson asked the meeting to consider was the difficulty students from small schools sometimes have in integrating into larger schools like Huntsville high school when they graduate from public school.

While most students can cope with the change, there are some who cannot, and whose

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Listening to Dorset ratepayers at a meeting last Tuesday are, from left, Haliburton County Board of Education business administrator Jim Leworthy, trustees Ralph Young and Marilyn Mace, director of education J. D. Hodgson, and board chairman Len Salvatori.

Growing the hydroponic way

It's cheap, easy, and the results are good

by Len Pizzev

Imagine being able to pick crisp, fresh lettuce out of your garden in the middle of a January blizzard. Or how about plucking a plump, red tomato off the vine to have with your lunch on a bleak, February day. It's possible, and you don't have to live in Florida or California to do it. In fact, as Jim Elstone knows, all it takes is a little ingenuity, a little bit of education, and the magic of hydroponics.

Well, it does seem magical to see lettuce and green beans and tomatoes growing in February, but in fact, as Elstone will tell you, there's nothing magical or even difficult about hydroponics.

Hydro is the Greek word for water, and 'ponics' refers to the art of growing things in pots. In essence, hydroponics is the science of growing plants in something other than soil.

In normal growing, Elstone explains, the soil acts as a medium for holding a plant upright, and it also supplies essential nutrients, which, along with water, are necessary for plant growth. But you don't need soil to grow things so long as you have a means of supplying the necessary water and nutrients the plant requires. Giving a plant what it needs, when it needs it, is the essence of hydroponic growing. And because no soil is used, it is possible to grow plants very close together. That means a high yield of foodstuffs from a small area.

Elstone, who has a degree in horticulture from

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In the greenhouse



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Come join the Community Conversations project

JERELYN CRADEN

Special to The Echo

Fay Wilkinson, founder of Visible Voices Open Arts Studio in Haliburton, is at it again. This time, she has created an exciting four-week art project, Community Conversations, free of charge (including supplies) for all participants. Partnering with Community Support Services (CSS), the call

first went out for volunteers to be trained as “studio guides” and lead each Wednesday workshop from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Now, with the guides onboard, participants are needed to set this project sailing. “The intent of Community Conversations,” Wilkinson said, “is to connect people and encourage them to share their stories. It’s a chance to remember times gone by and to express, in a different way, what is important to them, and to all of us. By attaching their individually created four-by-six inch

story panels into a quilt, we will bind the story threads that make our community so very special.”

Anyone who would like to have fun and join the conversation is invited to participate. “No previous experience or special skills are necessary,” Nancy Brownsberger with CSS added, “just your imagination. Plus, it’s a great opportunity to get out and share this experience with a mate, friend or friends, grandchild, daughter, son, or neighbour. And the choice of materials and processes is generous. There’s fabric piecing, fibre, found objects, collage, embroidery, hot wax work, pastels, markers, stencil, glitter. Imagery can be detailed and complex or simple. Someone might choose to embellish one word, like: Joy. There is no wrong panel.”

“It’s not about creating a masterpiece as much as trying new things and expressing yourself through art,” Wilkinson added. “It’s a chance to have fun and get messy.”

“And, there’s something very freeing in getting lost in art,” Brownsberger said. “If a participant wants to create more than one panel, they will be more than welcome to. And, as numerous studies have shown, those who participate in this type of activity also enjoy residual health benefits: psy-

chological, intellectual, physical, cognitive, emotional, and, of course, social. Imagine the playfulness and joy of sharing this experience with others, and of recalling a special moment from your past ... or in the present...or thoughts and feelings you may have about the future that you can express as part of this community art piece that will last for generations.”

She also pointed out that the worst of the winter will have passed by April when Community Conversations takes place on April 5, 12, 19, 26, which will allow for easier access to and from the workshop at Visible Voices Open Arts Studio, 130 Industrial Park Road, Unit 5.

Depending on the amount of participation and enthusiasm from participants, Community Conversations might be able to continue past the four week mark.

Already on board as supporters of the project are Agnes Jamieson Gallery and Rails End Gallery which have agreed to display the Community Conversations quilt for public viewing.

To become a participant or for more information, contact Brownsberger at 705-457-2941 extension 2922 or nbrownsberger@hhhs.ca.

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- Green regions of desert
- Fill with dismay
- Boxing legend
- Soup
- Your sibling’s daughter
- A long thin implement
- Late ESPN anchor
- Motives
- Astronumerology term
- Semitic Sun god
- Small cigar
- Promotions
- Not off
- Line or plaster the roof
- African Indian people of Alberta, Canada
- Rituals
- Chlorine
- Red deer
- Offers a good view
- Post-indictment arrangement
- Blood group
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- Nipple
- Indicates position
- Electrocardiogram
- Can be disconnected
- Tall military cap
- Cape Verde capital
- Not written in any key
- Creative
- Suffix
- Stacked
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- Entryways
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- Marketplaces
- Hawaiian greeting
- Mark left by the sea
- Strongly affected by something
- Music and painting are two
- Small coin (French)
- Letter of the Greek alphabet
- A gesture involving the shoulders
- Grey geese
- Meal in the park
- Human beings
- What thespians do
- Allow
- Third-party access
- “Casino Royale” villain Mikkelsen
- Painful foot problems
- The very first
- Lawful
- Ceramic jars
- Hind ends
- “Virginia Woolf” author
- Try
- For instance
- Academic terms
- Article
- Religious belief outside the mainstream
- Sound caused by reflection
- Greatly horrify
- Prey
- Forays
- River in eastern France
- Bleated
- Soft food cooked from buckwheat
- Pre-Mayan civilization
- Assert to be the case
- Inches per minute (abbr.)
- “Rosemary’s Baby” actress Farrow
- Chinese philosophical principle
- Simpson trial judge

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Notice



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON Official Plan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OFFICIAL PLAN UPDATE

Subsection 17 (15)(d) of the *Planning Act*

TAKE NOTICE: A public meeting will be held pursuant to subsection 17(15)(d) of the *Planning Act* to review proposed updates to the policies of the County of Haliburton Official Plan.

Date: April 26, 2017
Time: 9:00 am
Location: County Council Chambers
11 Newcastle Street, Minden

THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT: An official plan is a policy document which guides the development and growth of our communities and County. It provides land use direction regarding residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, parkland, utilities, infrastructure and many other land use components. This update includes new draft policies on growth and development, source water protection, affordable housing, climate change, wildland fire and rural lands. Official plan policies enable the protection, preservation and enhancement of natural heritage and water features. The goals and objectives set out in an official plan work to balance the interests of each individual property owner and each community with those of the local municipalities and the County.

THE AMENDMENT: The County of Haliburton Official Plan will update and replace the existing Official Plan, approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs on October 7, 2010 and which came into effect on November 5, 2010.

The Official Plan Update will affect all lands within the County of Haliburton. No key map is provided. All land use schedules and the entire Official Plan text are available for review at:

<https://haliburtoncounty.ca/services/planning-and-gis/official-plan/>.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the County of Haliburton Administrative Office during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 28th day of March, 2017

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Atom Storm wraps up fantastic year

On Friday, March 24 the Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm atoms travelled to Baltimore to play in the Cross Border Clash Tournament. The atom first game of the Cross Border Clash Tournament was versus the Baltimore Ice Dogs. The Storm played hard but lost 7-1. Goals was scored by Addison Carr, who achieved the goal during his penalty shot.

The Storm's second game was versus the Lindsay Muskies. The Storm played hard but lost 4-0.

On Saturday, March 25, the Storm travelled to Cobourg to face the Brighton Braves for the third game of the Cross Border Clash Tournament. The Storm played

hard but lost 8-1. Goal was scored by Addison Carr and assisted by Cooper Coles.

On Sunday, March 26, the Storm travelled to Grafton to face the Sturgeon Lake Thunder for the C final championship at the Cross Border Clash Tournament. This was a sit at the edge of your seat game that went into a three on three overtime win. The Storm started the first period with a rocket goal by Colby Coumbs. The Thunder answered back a minute later. Then a minute after that Logan Tripp fired one into the net followed by a goal from Austin Boylan. The game was 3-1 going into the second period. The Thunder dominated this period scoring two back-to-back goals and it was tied going into the

third. The third was intense. Both teams were not giving up. Aiden Perrott got a beauty goal in the net unassisted but the Thunder answer with a goal a minute later. The game was 4-4 going into a minute four on four overtime. No one scored so they went to a three on three overtime where with 13 seconds left Addison Carr scored assisted by Aiden Perrott and Colby Coumbs winning the C championship!

On behalf of all the players and parents we want to thank all the coaching staff for volunteering their time to these boys we really appreciate it. Thank you for an awesome year we couldn't have done it with out you.

Submitted by Amber Card

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Cost: Admission by donation with all donations going to HERS

H.H.O.A. Wild Game Dinner/Silent Auction

When: Saturday April 1/17
Where: Haliburton Legion, 719 Mountain Street
Cocktails at 5:00 pm, Dinner at 6:30 pm
Tickets \$35.00 per person or \$55.00 per couple
Contact the HHOA Fish Hatchery at 705-457-9664 to reserve your tickets now

Environment Haliburton - Public Presentation

When: Saturday April 1, 2017 at 1 pm
When: West Guilford Community Centre, 1061 Kennisis Lake Road, West Guilford
Guest Speaker: Dr. Tony Weis, Professor of Geography at Western University and author of The Ecological Hoofprint: The Global Burden of Industrial Live stock
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Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Discovery Days: Sounds of the Night: Owl Prowl!

When: Saturday, Apr. 8, 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Who goes “hoo” in the night? Join Haliburton naturalist Pauline Plooard and listen in the dark for owls calling. Dress warmly, including your footwear, and bring a headlamp or flashlight. Our leader will be Pauline Plooard. Admission by donation.
Location: Meet at Zion United Church, 1021 East Rd. Carnarvon at 8:00 pm where carpools will be arranged and directions provided.
Cost: Admission by donation

Doc(k) Day

When: Saturday, April 8
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
Those Other Movies presents the sixth annual Doc(k) Day documentary film festival. Starts at 10 a.m. with Dysart 150: The Movie, followed by Obit, Cameraperson, What Lies Below and In Pursuit of Peace. For more information contact Lisa Kerr kerrfamily@cottagelcountry.net.
Cost: \$30 for the day (email Lisa Kerr). Individual tickets, if available, are \$10 at the door.

Royal Canadian Legion branch 129-Haliburton presents the Country Hot Flashes

When: Saturday April 8, 2017, 4:00 - 7:00 pm
Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom
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50/50 draw at 6:00 pm
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When: Sunday April 9, 2017, 2:00pm
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HALIBURTON: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, April 12, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Haliburton Highlands Women's Golf League, Ice Breaker Tea/Social Night

When: May 5th, 7:00 pm
Where: Haliburton Curling Club
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Wild Leeks, Edibles & Spring Wildflowers

When: Saturday, May 6, 10:00 am- 12:00 noon
Where: Abbey gardens, 1012 Garden Gate Dr. Haliburton (off Hwy 118 West of Haliburton)
Leader: Carolyn Langdon, Windfall Food Forest, forager and food forester
Cost: \$5.00 per person, includes soup (payment may be made online or in person on the day of the event)

Minden Curling Club - 50s/60s Rock & Roll Dinner/Dance

When: Saturday, May 13, 2017
Where: Minden Curling Club.
Featuring by music by The Cruisers. Dinner 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Dancing and music 7 - 11 p.m. Cash bar. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Everyone welcome. Timely dress is encouraged but optional. Reserve your tickets by calling Lynda at 705 457-8511.

Wilberforce gets wild

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wilberforce

Hilda Clark
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Notice

NOTICE

(Applicant – MARSHALL)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL SHORE ROAD ALLOWANCE ALONG THE SHORE OF GLAMOR LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOITCE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on Wednesday, the 3rd day of May, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in Front of Lot 33, Concession 12, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by GREG BISHOP SURVEYING AND CONSULTING LTD., dated October 24th, 2016.

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. To 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 21st day of March, 2017.

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We hear there will be some interesting wild things in town later this week. And where will they be spotted? For sure they will be skating their hearts out at the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena. At 6:30 p.m. this Saturday April 1 this year's annual figure skating carnival hits the ice. Entitled Wild Kingdom of Wilberforce, expect wild things prowling with creative costumes and good skating moves. Always a good show!

Best wishes for happiness is extended to Morgan Gadway and Jenann Prentice who were married on Saturday, March 25. After the wedding in Bancroft the reception was held at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre in Wilberforce.

Eight teams played in the men's curling bonspiel here last weekend. Joining four local teams were two teams from Bancroft and two from Minden. After some very competitive games visiting teams won the top three places. In first place was the Minden team of Steve Robson, Larry Ferguson, Jack Smith and Doug Brown. In second place was the other Minden team of Dave Millington, Bob Barron, Cec Ryall and Dave McKay. Third place went to the team of Bob Lalonde, Joe Williams, Chuck Brady and Earl Loveseed from Bancroft. Congratulations to them and to all the players.

If the roast beef dinner tasted as good as its cooking aroma promised then the day ended well with a good meal.

All three organists that in turn play for Sunday services at St. Margaret's church Bill Gliddon, Judy Cole, and Wayne Cooper will be in the Spring Concert at St. George's in Haliburton on Sunday April 2 at 2 p.m. and also Wednesday, April 5 and Friday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. The concerts include choir numbers and the humorous one-act Gilbert and Sullivan's *Trial By Jury*. Proceeds for outreach. Tickets at Master's Bookstore.

Johnson and Cooper celebrate birthdays

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Eleanor Cooper
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A surprise birthday party for Dave Johnson was held on March 25 at the Johnson farm at Boshkung, attended by close family and several friends including the man who had been his best man years ago.

Congratulations to him and to Earl Cooper who celebrated his 90th birthday on two separate days. Guests at our house included Coopers nephews and nieces, friends from Penetanguishene, sister Shirley Rapson and sons from Toronto, daughter Beth from St. Catharines, Luke, grandson from Toronto area and another grandson, Philip, from Guelph. Thanks to all who joined in the celebration including several Masonic friends as well as local neighbours. A second celebration was held on Earl's actual birthday, March 27.

On a sober note, there was the sadness of the funeral for Jean (Sproat) Neville whom many friends and relatives offered sympathy to Jack and to Corrine and Peter and grandchildren Jeremy and Danielle.

Best wishes for a good recovery to Grenville Griffin who is at time of writing in Haliburton Hospital.

Euchre Scores for March 21

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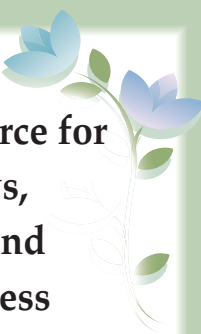
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Beloved husband of Christine Miller and the late Margaret. Dear father Bonnie (Randy), Karen (Carl), Gary and step-father of Jennifer, David (Sara). Loving grandfather of Ben, Corinne, Kirsten, Garrison, Riley, Mamie, Jack, Emma and great grandfather of Olivia. Fondly remembered by his family and friends.

It was Peter's wishes for cremation and a Private Family Service to be held at a later date.

Memorial Donations to the Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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Marion Barry
(Formerly of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Monday March 13, 2017 in her 86th year surrounded by her family. Beloved wife of the late Laverne Barry (2011). Loving mother of Wanda (Dennis Byers) of Bridgenorth, Patricia (Paul Harrison) of Minto, New Brunswick and Karen Barry of Penhold, Alberta. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Cynthia (Andy), Darren (Stefanie), Kristina (Daniel), Joshua (Cherisse), Jarrett (Naomi), James (Shauna), Afton (Jon) and by her great grandchildren Cody, Tianna, Devalin, Harlow, Lily, James, Liam, Everett, Jordana, Charlie (deceased) and by her great great granddaughter Olivia. Dear sister of Alena, Shirley, Ethel and Bruce. Predeceased by her brothers Les, Earl, Ray and Howard. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Marion enjoyed reading, knitting, her dog Mia and most of all her grandkids.

Graveside Service & Reception

A Graveside Service will take place this Spring. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation - Palliative Care Unit would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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Michael 'Mike' Bunn
(Resident of Irondale, Ontario)

Tragically on Sunday morning, March 19, 2017 in his 41st year. Beloved son of Alan & Norma Bunn and grandson to Robert & Audrey Bunn. Cherished father of Emily Bunn. Beloved fiancé of Denise Graham. Loving brother of Alan Jr. & William. Predeceased by his brother Kevin. Lovingly remembered by his many aunts, uncles, cousins and his niece Avalynn and nephews Raymond, Andrew and Kevin. Mike was an avid outdoorsman and a great mechanic. He enjoyed entertaining family and friends with his love of music, dancing and playing the spoons. Mike loved cooking and spending time with his family and friends. Mike & Denise were planning an upcoming wedding in July 2017.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

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